

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Office Action of February 26, 2003 has been received and contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 2, 7 and 20-21 without disclaiming the underlying subject matters, and amend claims 1, 5, 11, 16, 22 and 30. In addition, Applicants add new claims 38 - 51. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-6, 8-19 and 22-51 are currently pending in the present application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 22, 24-27, 30 and 32-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yokoyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,507,379); rejected claims 22 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Okibayashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,504,599); rejected claims 1-21, 23, 28-29, 31 and 36-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokoyama et al. as applied to claims 22, 24-27, 30 and 32-35; rejected claims 1-21, 23-29, 31-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okibayashi et al. as applied to claims 22 and 30, and further in view of Yokoyama et al. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 1, 5, 11, 16, 22 and 30 are allowable over the cited reference in that claims 1, 5, 11, 16, 22 and 30 recite a combination of elements including, for example, “wherein the first and second substrates perform an additional function of polarization.” None of the cited references including Yokoyama et al. and Okibayashi et al., singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 5, 11, 16, 22 and 30, and claims 3-4, 6, 8-10, 12-15, 17-19, 23-29 and 31-37, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

New claims 38-43 are allowable over the cited references in that claims 38-43 recite a combination of features including a light emitting structure formed on an outer surface of a first substrate, the light emitting structure including a first electrode over the outer surface of the first

substrate, wherein the first substrate is in direct contact with the light emitting structure. None of the cited references teaches or suggests at least this feature of the present invention.

New claims 44-51 are allowable over the cited references in that claims 44-51 recite a combination of features including forming a light emitting structure on an outer surface of a first substrate, wherein forming the light emitting structure includes forming a first electrode over the outer surface of the first substrate, forming an organic layer on the first electrode, forming a second electrode on the organic layer, forming a thin film transistor (TFT) array including thin film transistors and a pixel electrode on a surface of the first substrate; and providing a liquid crystal layer between the first substrate and a second substrate. None of the cited references teaches or suggests at least these features of the present invention. For example, the claimed invention builds the light emitting structure in a layer-by-layer fashion on the outer surface of the first substrate. The cited references such as Okibayashi et al. at most show that the already built light emitting structure is attached to the outer surface of the first substrate.


Applicant believes the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number (202) 496 - 7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

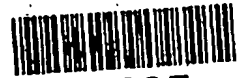
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